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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
CHIEF SECRETARIAT (FISHERIES)

(G.O. Ms. No. 10/FY, dated 26th May 2009)

NOTIFICATION

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor is pleased to notify the rules appended herewith for the implementation of the Schemes for Financial Assistance for Availing Subsidy Components for the Development of Marine Fisheries in the Union territory of Puducherry.

This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department, *vide* their U.O. No. 15180/08/F4, dated 23-2-2009.

(By order of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor)

N. SUMATHI,
Deputy Secretary to Government (Fisheries).

**RULES FOR GRANT OF VARIOUS SUBSIDY COMPONENTS
AND FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF SALES TAX ON
HIGH SPEED DIESEL OIL**

1. *Short title, application and commencement.*— (a) These rules may be called the “Rules for Grant of Various Subsidy Components and for Reimbursement/Spot Exemption of Sales Tax on High Speed Diesel oil to Marine Fishermen-2008”.

(b) They shall apply to the whole of the Union territory of Puducherry.

(c) They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the official gazette.
2. *Definition.*— In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—
 - (i) “Department” means the Department of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Puducherry.
 - (ii) “Director” means the Director of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, Puducherry.
 - (iii) “Form” means the Application Form approved by this rules and to be sold through the Puducherry State Fishermen Co-operative Federation Limited, Puducherry.
 - (iv) “Registered Boats” means mechanised boats which are registered and allotted with numbers by the Department.
 - (v) “Registering Authority” means an officer, not below the rank of the Deputy Director or the Assistant Director as the case may be so designated by the Department separately for Puducherry, Karaikal, Mahe and Yanam regions.
 - (vi) “Authorised Diesel Bunk” means the diesel dispensing bunks/outlets so authorised by the Department from time to time.
 - (vii) “Insurance Companies” means the companies which are authorised for coverage for marine risks to the fishing boats.
 - (viii) “Bank” means any of the nationalised banks, scheduled bank and co-operative banks.

(ix) "Fishermen Co-operative" means the Pondicherry State Fishermen Co-operative Federation Limited and its affiliated Societies.

(x) "Fishing Ban" means the period of ban on fishing as and when notified by Government of India/Union territory of Puducherry.

3. *Objectives.*— The objectives of the rules are to increase marine fish production by extending subsidies for the procurement of :—

- (a) Wooden/fibre reinforced plastic/steel mechanised boats.
- (b) Fibre reinforced plastic vallam with nets.
- (c) Wooden nava with nets.
- (d) Marine plywood with nets.
- (e) Financial grant for reactivation of wooden/steel mechanised boats.
- (f) conversion/ modernisation of mechanised boats for deep sea fishing.
- (g) conversion/ modernisation of mechanised boats for tuna fishing.
- (h) Reimbursement of sales tax on high speed diesel oil used by the registered mechanised boat operators.
- (i) Annual premium for insurance coverage paid by the registered mechanised boat operators.

4. *Eligibility criteria.*—

I. *General :* The applicant shall satisfy the following general requirements for eligibility for extending subsidies/grants :—

- (a) The applicant should be either belonging to the fishermen community or be one of those who are professionally engaged in fishing/fish trade occupation on full-time basis/prospective entrepreneurs.

(b) The applicant must have resided in the Union territory of Puducherry for a continuous period of not less than five years at the time of making the application for extending subsidies/grants.

(c) The applicant must have been enrolled as a member in the Fishermen Co-operative Society and be of above the age of 23 years and below 60 years and must not have been a recipient of old age pension, issued by the department.

(d) The applicant should not be employed in Government/Government Undertakings/Fishermen Co-operative Society.

(e) The applicant must not have any dues to be paid to the Department/Fishermen Co-operative Societies at the time of making application.

II. Specific criteria for components:

(a) Wooden/fibre reinforced plastic/steel mechanised boats :

(i) In the case of men applicants, they should possess sea fishing experience in any mechanised boat for a minimum period of 5 years. In the case of women applicants, they should possess sufficient fishing trade experience issued by the Village Panchayat concerned. In the case of entrepreneurs, they should possess fishing trade experience certificate issued by the competent authority.

(ii) The applicant should produce loan sanction orders/acceptance for loan sanction from the bank/National Co-operative Development Corporation etc.,

(b) Fibre reinforced plastic cattamaran/vallam/wooden nava/marine plywood canoe with nets:

(i) In the case of men applicants, they should possess sea fishing experience in any mechanised or motorised/non-motorised traditional crafts for a minimum period of 5 years, issued by the owners.

(ii) In the case of women applicants, they should possess five years fish trade experience issued by the Village Panchayat concerned.

(iii) The applicant should be ready to deposit 50% of the cost of craft and net with the Federation/ the Marketing Union/the Fishermen Co-operative Societies as per the norms/pattern of assistance modified from time to time.

(c) Reimbursement/spot exemption of ST on HSD oil :

(i) The applicant should possess a registered mechanised boat/motorised fishing craft and the same should have been renewed on annual basis, as the case may be.

(ii) The applicant should have renewed the diesel pass book on monthly basis.

(iii) The applicant should submit bills as proof of having drawn diesel, from the authorised bunks.

(iv) Should not have ventured for fishing during notified fish ban periods.

(d) Annual insurance premium for boat owners :

(i) The applicant should possess a registered mechanised boat.

(ii) The applicant should have insured the boat on annual basis with the authorised insurance company.

(e) Financial grant for reactivation of mechanised boats :

(i) The applicant should possess a registered mechanised boat.

(ii) The applicant should have carried out overhauling/repairs to engine/hull during the notified fishing ban period and should not have ventured for fishing during notified ban on fishing periods.

(f) Conversion/modernisation of mechanised fishing boats for deep sea fishing :

(i) The mechanised boat should be registered.

(ii) The hull should be extended above 47 feet of overall length procured and fixed with new hydraulic winch, steel ropes, global positioning system, echo sounder, inbuilt insulated ice-box and life savings appliances etc.,

(iii) The applicant must have obtained provisional loan sanction order from the bank.

5. *Funding pattern and pattern of assistance under various components.*—(a) For the purchase of wooden / fibre reinforced plastic/ steel mechanised boat :

(i) 50% subsidy subject to a maximum of Rs. 7.50 lakhs for a mechanised boat of overall length above 47 feet with nets linked with bank finance for the purchase of new fishing vessel.

(ii) 50% subsidy subject to a maximum of Rs. 11.00 lakhs for a steel mechanised boat of overall length 45 to 54 feet with nets, linked with bank finance for the purchase of new fishing vessel.

(iii) 50% subsidy to a maximum of Rs. 2.50 lakhs per boat for conversion/ modernisation of existing mechanised fishing boat (unit cost Rs. 5.00 lakhs).

(iv) 50% subsidy to a maximum of Rs. 5.00 lakhs for modernisation of existing mechanised fishing boat with size 43 feet and above for tuna long lining (unit cost Rs. 10.00 lakhs).

(v) The rate of subsidy may be fixed by the Government from time to time.

(b) For the purchase of fibre reinforced plastic catamaran/vallam, wooden nava/marine plywood canoe:

- (i) 50% subsidy subject to a maximum of Rs. 50,000 per unit in case of fibre reinforced plastic cattamaran and marine plywood canoe with nets, linked to own finance/loan component from National Co-operative Development Corporation/bank.
- (ii) 50% subsidy subject to a maximum of Rs. 1,00,000 per unit in case of fibre reinforced plastic vallam with nets, linked to own finance/loan component from National Co-operative Development Corporation/bank.
- (iii) 50% subsidy subject to a maximum of Rs. 40,000 per unit in respect of wooden nava with net, linked to own finance/loan component from National Co-operative Development Corporation/bank.
- (iv) 50% subsidy to a maximum of Rs. 5,000 per unit for procurement of inland cattamaran with nets (unit cost Rs. 10,000).
- (v) Rate of subsidy may be fixed by Government from time to time.

(c) Reimbursement/spot exemption of sales tax on High Speed Diesel (HSD) oil :

- (i) The prevailing sales tax on high speed diesel oil consumed by a registered boat will be reimbursed/spot exempted subject to a maximum of 15,000 litres per boat per annum, as may be revised by Government from time to time.

(d) Subsidy on insurance premium for registered mechanised boat:

- (i) 50% subsidy subject to a maximum of Rs. 20,000 per boat on annual insurance premium.

- (ii) The rate of subsidy/maximum limit as may be revised by Government from time to time.

(e) Financial grant for reactivation of registered mechanised boat:

- (i) Financial grant for reactivation of a registered wooden/steel mechanised boat will be extended at Rs. 10,000 per boat and Rs 5,000 for a registered fibre reinforced plastic mechanised boat.

(ii) The grant is subject to revision as and when approved by Government from time to time.

(f) Conversion / modernisation of registered mechanised fishing boats for deep sea fishing :

(i) 50% subsidy subject to a maximum of Rs. 2.50 lakhs per boat linked to bank finance.

(ii) The rate of subsidy/maximum limit as may be revised by Government from time to time.

6. Application, scrutiny and selection of beneficiaries.—

(a) Application.— An application shall be submitted by the eligible applicants in the ‘Form’ prescribed, as and when called for by the Department.

(b) Scrutiny.— (i) The application received by the Department will be enquired into for its genuineness on the field by an officer not below the rank of Sub-Inspector of Fisheries and will be verified and recommended by the scheme implementing officer, not below the rank of the Assistant Director of Fisheries/Deputy Director of Fisheries.

(ii) In any case the applications received will be verified and eligible beneficiaries as per rule 4, will be short listed by the implementing officer within 60 days from the commencement of field enquiry work.

(c) Selection of beneficiaries.— The short listed eligible applicants will be selected by a Departmental Selection Committee comprising of the following officials :—

(i) *Puducherry region :*

Director of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare .. Chairman

Joint Director of Fisheries and Fishermen .. Member Welfare.

Deputy Director of Fisheries and Fishermen . . Member Welfare (Welfare).

Secretary, Puducherry State Fishermen . . Member Co-operative Federation Limited.

Deputy Director of Fisheries and Fishermen . . Member-Welfare (Mechanisation). Secretary.

(ii) *Karaikal region :*

Director of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare . . Chairman

Joint Director of Fisheries and Fishermen . . Member Welfare.

Deputy Director of Fisheries and Fishermen . . Member Welfare (Karaikal).

Secretary, Puducherry State Fishermen . . Member Co-operative Federation Limited.

Deputy Director of Fisheries and Fishermen . . Member-Welfare (Mechanisation). Secretary.

(iii) *Mahe region :*

Director of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare . . Chairman

Joint Director of Fisheries and Fishermen . . Member Welfare.

Assistant Director of Fisheries and . . Member Fishermen Welfare (Mahe).

Secretary, Puducherry State Fishermen . . Member Co-operative Federation Limited.

Deputy Director of Fisheries and Fishermen . . Member-Welfare (Mechanisation). Secretary.

(iv) *Yanam region :*

Director of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare . . Chairman

Joint Director of Fisheries and Fishermen . . Member
Welfare.

Assistant Director of Fisheries and . . Member
Fishermen Welfare (Yanam).

Secretary, Puducherry State Fishermen . . Member
Co-operative Federation Limited.

Deputy Director of Fisheries and Fishermen . . Member-
Welfare (Mechanisation). Secretary.
